

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, and 4-6 to read as follows:

1 1. A portable, engine-powered hand tool comprising:
2 a housing (10) with a rotatable shaft (11) releasably connected to a rotatable cutting
3 tool (13);
4 a locking pin (17) that is movable along its axis inside a hole (16) in the housing (10)
5 to a locking position, wherein the locking pin interferes with the rotation of the shaft (11) to
6 lock the shaft (11) in a non-rotating position when the locking pin is in the locking
7 position; and
8 a magnet (19) carried by the housing at a distance from the locking pin that permits
9 magnetic communication between the magnet and the locking pin when the locking pin is in
10 the locking position, wherein the magnet communication between the magnet and the locking
11 pin retains the locking pin (17) in its locking position to facilitate removal and installation of
12 the cutting tool on the shaft.

1 4. A tool according to claim 1, wherein a fastening device (12) for the cutting
2 tool is attached to the shaft (11) and is provided with an opening (18) with an axial centerline
3 that is alignable with an axial centerline of the hole (16) in the housing, wherein the locking
4 pin (17) can be inserted into the opening (18).

1 5. A tool according to claim 1, wherein the housing (10) is a gear box housing for
2 a clearing saw and the cutting tool (13) is a circular saw blade.

1 6. In a portable, engine-powered, hand tool having a circular saw blade releasably
2 fixed to an end of a rotatable shaft, the improvement comprising:
3 a locking pin of magnetic material movable along its axis inside a hole (16) in the
4 housing (10) from a non-locking position to a locking position that locks the rotatable shaft in
5 a fixed position to facilitate installation and removal of the saw blade, the tool including a
6 magnet carried by the housing at a distance from the locking pin that permits magnetic
7 communication between the magnet and the locking pin for holding the locking pin in its
8 non-locking and locking positions.